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Westminster, March 26.

HER Majesty having granted a Commission under the Great Seal, impowering the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, the Lord President of Her Majesty's Council, and other Lords, to Pass the Royal Assent, in Her Majesty's Absence, to some Bills agreed to by both Houses of Parliament; this Day the Lords Commissioners sent a Message to the House of Commons by Sir *William Ydes*, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, to desire that House to come up to the House of Peers with their Speaker, to be present at the Passing the said Bills into Acts. The Speaker and the House went up accordingly, and the Lords Commissioners Passed the Royal Assent to

An Act to continue the Acts for Punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and False Musters, and for the better Payment of the Army and Quarters, and for approving of Medicines for the Army.

And to one Private Bill.

Venice, March 14. *N. S.* Prince James Sobieski is preparing to set out from hence forthwith, and proceed to Rome, in order to wait on his Mother the Queen Dowager of Poland. It is now doubted whether that Princess will pass into France, as it was once thought she intended, or retire into a Monastery; and some are of Opinion, that it is in the Pope's Power to perswade her to continue at Rome; from whence they write, that the Austrian Ministers strictly examine such as Demand Passports of them for the Kingdom of Naples, before they think fit to grant them, and that this is done at the Instances of the Viceroy, who continues to watch and secure such as are suspected of ill Intentions against the Government. Upon Advice that some disaffected Persons were attempting to raise Commotions in the Abruzzo, several Officers have been sent to observe that Province, and the like Precautions have been taken in all such Places as adjoin to the Ecclesiastical State. They write from Milan, that frequent Robberies had of late been committed there; but that upon an Order to seize and force into the Service all Vagabonds, and such as cou'd give no Satisfactory Account of themselves, those Disorders had been much discontinued both in the Capital, and all other Places belonging to that State. The Recruits for the Imperial Troops are speedily expected there, those Forces being to March into Italy thro' Tirol, and the Country of the Grisons. They are preparing great Stores of Ammunition and Provisions, to be embark'd at Vado and Final, on Board the Convoy design'd for Catalonia.

Leipsick, March 22. *N. S.* They write from Dresden, that the States of this Electorate assembled there, have come to a Resolution upon the most material Points proposed to them by his Majesty. The Cardinal of Sax-Zeits continues at Dresden, and has lately receiv'd a Present from the King of a very rich Cross valued at five thousand Ducats. We are advised from the North, that the Garrisons of Caminieck and Fort Trinity have received a supply of Provisions for a Year; and that the Great Marshal of the Crown had considerably augmented the Garrison of the first of those Places. The Czar of Muscovy was expected the 12th of this Month at Leopold, where several General Officers were appointed to attend his Majesty's Arrival. Soon after which the Prince of Galliczin will set out from thence, in order to Command a Body of Muscovite Infantry that is forming near Asoph. We have received no Confirmation of the King of Sweden's Departure from Bender, or of any Acts of Hostility begun by the Tartars on the Frontiers.

Frankfort, March 25. *N. S.* They write from Landau, that the French have made a Draught out of their Troops in Alsace for the Low-Countries, notwithstanding which they pretend they shall be strong enough for some extraordinary Attempt by the opening of the Campaign, and are accordingly making all necessary Preparations for some considerable Enterprize on this side. Hereupon an Express has been sent to Vienna, and all imaginable Precautions are taken to obviate their Designs. The Marshal de Harcourt, who, we are told, is to Command on the Upper Rhine, is speedily expected at Strasbourg, immediately upon which the Enemy give out their Army is to be assembled. The late Rains have occasioned very great Inundations, which have done considerable Damage to the Fortifications of Landau, as well as those of Strasbourg, Fort Lewis, and other Places. The Recruits for the Forces in Flanders and the Upper Rhine, pass daily through this Place; and the Jews having undertaken to remount the Cavalry, several Commissaries have been appointed to inspect the Recruits, and see that they punctually perform their Contracts. They write from Vienna, that the Turkish Aga is not yet arrived, but was expected every moment. It is thought the Prince of Savoy will set out for Holland soon after his Arrival. The Prince of Lamberg, who died lately at Vienna in the 45th Year of his Age, was Interr'd the 16th Instant, with great Solemnity, in the Cathedral Church of that City. The Prince of Schwartzemberg is made Steward of the Houshold in his room, and has already taken Possession of that Office.

Hague, March 31. *N. S.* We are advised, that the Count de Lecherain, who is order'd hither by his Catholick Majesty from Barcelona, is landed at Genoa, and being set out Post from thence, he is speedily expected here. The Horse Guards that were quartered here this Winter, march'd from hence this Morning towards the Frontiers, and the